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SUICIDE IN HIS CELL.

James Coffey, a Farmer, Hangs Himself While Confined in the City Jail. Insanity the Cause.

Fatalities have become most frequent happenings about Marshall in the past few weeks. Suicide and other manner of deaths follow so fast upon the tread of each other that they occasion little talk and less excitement. The last sensational happening of this nature, occurred Tuesday morning, an inmate of the city jail ending his life by hanging himself.

James Coffey was the suicide. He was formerly a farmer living about 4½ miles northeast of Marshall, one-half mile west of Capt. Elliott's farm. Since his family moved to Missouri from Tennessee, he had been regarded as an honest, sober and hard working man, though rather peculiar in his ways. During the night of Wednesday, May 31st, he left his home, and was found on the Miami road near Fairville, wandering about next day, his mind seriously affected. Mr. Matt Hall, who happened along, observed his condition and brought him to Marshall, where he was turned over to the custody of the sheriff.

Coffey seemed to return to his reason somewhat, and his trial before the Probate court led to the opinion that he would soon regain his mind completely. He was therefore ordered held in charge for a few days, when if recovery followed he was to be released and allowed to return home. As the county had no suitable place for his confinement, the city officers took him to the jail quarters of the city hall, where in the day time he was allowed the freedom of the corridor.

The prisoner, who in his ravings, imagined himself pursued by a threatening mob, was visited on Monday afternoon by his wife, who brought him a pie wrapped in a tea towel. Monday night and Tuesday morning his actions evidenced a more violent insanity. At 9:30 Tuesday morning, keeper of the jail, Brice, when accompanying a lady visitor to his cell, discovered Coffey hanging from the upper birth of his cell, his body suspended by means of the tea-towel tied around his neck and attached to the lattice work of the birth.

Assistance was at once called, little Charley Herndon cutting the cloth by which he hung, but the insane man was lifeless. The upper birth is only about five feet from the floor, and Coffey, in order to accomplish his death, had thrown his feet from under him allowing the weight of his body to produce a choking death.

The coroner was notified and summoned a

jury at once which returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by "hanging himself with a towel," signed by Jno. Cunningham, foreman; J. R. Flynn, W. D. Black, A. J. Graves, M. T. Campbell and N. F. Randolph.

His body was removed to the undertaking rooms and thence to his home on the farm, the burial taking place Wednesday at Shiloh. He was a heavy, rather tall, well built man, aged about forty-five years, with sandy hair, beard and mustache. He leaves a wife and four children who mourn deeply the loss of a father not responsible for this act of suicide in his demented condition.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The circuit court of Saline County convened Monday, adjourned over Tuesday and Wednesday, resuming its session Thursday. There are 127 cases on the docket, but few of any great importance.

PROCEEDINGS.

Lizzie D Bird vs Wm. H. Bird; divorce. Granted.

W. P. Arnold vs Sudie Arnold; divorce. Interlocutory judgment by default.

Perry, Mueller & Co. vs Joseph Mitchell; attachment. Deft files motion to dismiss cause.

State ex. rel. Iona A. Burns vs A. S. Van Anglen et al; damages. Deft. files motion to dismiss and also motion for security for costs.

Mary Ferguson vs Madison Williams; damages. Dismissed by plff.

ADMITTED TO THE BAR.

Virgil V. Huff was on Monday morning at the opening session of this term of circuit court, examined by members of the bar, and admitted to the practice of law. The committee examining the applicant, was composed of D. D. Duggings, H. H. Parsons and T. H. Harvey and the answers which their queries received, impressed all with Mr. Huff's accurate knowledge and broad conception of the law.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Edward J. Mecum and Maude Lee Shinkle, Marshall.

Arthur S. Brayman and Mattie M. Brown, Elmwood.

Oscar Chilcott and Dora Mull, Miami.

George A. Thomas, Nelson and Lula F. Handley, Marshall.

David B. Bulkley, Sedalia and Belle Barnds, Marshall.

W. E. Glass, Marshall and Virginia Wheeler, Herndon.

John Bassett, and Letitia Falls, (col), Marshall.

TO MEET AT MARSHALL.

County Clerks to Convene in this City Sept. 18-20. Program Arranged by Committee.

The county clerks of Missouri will hold their annual meeting in this city September 18th, 19th and 20th, according to the action of the program committee, which met here last week for the purpose of choosing time and speakers for the occasion. The members of this committee on arrangements are: A. J. Lee of Carroll, R. M. Nash of Buchanan, and R. E. L. Smith of Saline county.

The object of the association, while affording social pleasures that the various clerks enjoy through acquaintanceship with men in the same business, was to bring about an interchange of ideas as to the most practical and methodical way of discharging the duties of their offices. And these meetings have proven very beneficial in this way, receiving the hearty co-operation and interest of the clerks throughout the State.

The gathering this fall will no doubt be well attended. It will take place just about the time our prospective street fair does. The chance for Marshall to make an impression on representatives from nearly every county of the state will be most opportune, and should be gladly accepted by our citizens.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

The Kansas City state convention on Wednesday nominated the following ticket.

Governor—Alex M. Dockery.

Lieutenant governor—John A. Lee of St. Louis.

Secretary of State—S. B. Cook of Mexico.

State Auditor—Albert O. Allen of New Madrid.

Attorney General—E. C. Crow of Webb City.

State Treasurer—R. P. Williams of Fayette. Railway and Warehouse Commissioner—Jos. Herrington, Sedalia.

Electors at Large—James A. Reed, Kansas City; Wm. A. Rothwell, Moberly.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Rolf & Grau of this county marketed 1286 pound steers in East St. Louis market last Thursday, which realized \$5.05 per hundred.

Geo. Alexander had a nice load of 703 pound butcher heifers on the National yards Wednesday, which Nelson Morris & Co., purchased @ \$4.70.

Cudahy's new packing house, which has been under construction for nearly a year, was opened and work begun Wednesday. It is another mile-stone in Kansas City's growth as the second largest packing center of the world.